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REFERENCE TO "KANT", Elsa REISS, AND "RITCHIE" (1944)

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To VIKTOR. [1]

In a conversation with KANT [ii] Elsa REISS [R.H.Js] [iii] advised of the existence of "RITCHIE" [iv] which is known to you

[25 groups unrecovered]

on ABRAMOVICH's [v] recommendation. An officer of the ARSENAL [vi] told Elsa in confidence that the school is supposed to be training cadres for a new war. Elsa criticised "THE OLD MAN [STARIK]" [vii] for setting up a Fourth International considering this a futile business, a spurious attempt to spread negot

[28 groups unrecovered]

all

[28 groups unrecoverable]

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M.Y. [M.J.] [viii]

[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] Presumably the internal serial is 874. Since the internal serial of the preceding message is 872, it is likely that this message also contains internal serial no. 873.

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] KJNT : Mark ZBOROVSKIJ.
- [iii] Elsa REISS: Widow of Ignace REISS; also known as Elsa BERNUT.
- [iv] RITCHIE: Probably the Camp RITCHIE reported on in NEW YORK's No. 777-781 of 26th May 1943 (3/NBF/T908) and no. 893 of 10th June 1943 (3/NBF/T909).
- [v] ABRAMOVICH: Presumably Rafael ABRAMOVICH, President of the Russian Social Democrats.
- [vi] ARSENAL: U.S. War Dept.
- [vii] OLD MAN: Lev Davidovich TROTSKI.
- [viii] M.Y.: Probably Stepan Zakharovich APREYAN, Soviet Vice Consul in NEW YORK.

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